



WHEREAS, those who served in the armed forces of the United States embody the values of liberty and freedom that created and have sustained our nation; and

WHEREAS, we owe an inexpressible debt of gratitude to these distinguished heroes for their selfless service to the people of this great nation, past and present; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has, for more than a century, provided a home for those veterans and their spouses; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 of Pennsylvania's more than 700,000 veterans are served by our State Veterans' Homes in Erie, Hollidaysburg, Scranton, Spring City, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, our veterans served our nation in the spirit of duty and sacrifice, and are now themselves served by devoted and compassionate veterans' homes staff members and volunteers who care for their needs with understanding and respect.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 11-17, 2023 to be

STATE VETERANS' HOMES WEEK

to pay tribute to the gifts of freedom and opportunity that our veterans have given to us and in thanking those caring individuals who serve these brave heroes.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-fifth day of May two thousand twenty-three, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-seventh.

Governor Josh Shapiro